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PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMFLOYMENT BENEFIT, OCTOBER, 1948.

This bulletin has been prepared from preliminary tabulations, made available each month by the Commonwealth Statistician, of unemployed persons in Queensland who were in receipt of Commonwealth unemployment benefit at the end of October, 1948. The information covers only those persons actually in receipt of unemployment benefit, no account being taken of those whose applications for benefit were awaiting consideration or those who did not apply for benefit. The figures given, therefore, are only a part of total unemployment, although the proportions due to the various causes and in the various industries are broadly applicable to the total. Persons receiving sickness or special benefits are also excluded. Details for districts by causes and industries in which last employed are given in the attached tables.

Comparison with Previous Months.

October 1948 figures of persons in receipt of unemployment benefit were 700 males and 62 females, the total of 762 being 1,145, or 60 per cent., below the corresponding figure for the previous October.

End of Month.		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.				
			1946.			1947					
November		3,570	94	3,664	1,664	70	1,734				
December	••	5,971	168	6,139	2,245	69	2,314				
			1947.		1948.						
January		7,262	228	7,490	3,094	73	3,167				
February	0.	7,394	198	7,592	5,603	223	5,826				
March	90	6,505	184	6,689	6,055	310	6,365				
April		4,698	149	4,847	2,669	110	2,779				
May	0 0	3,935	151	4,086	1,559	89	1,648				
June	• •	3,102	129	3,231	1,102	71	1,173				
July	• •	2,747	113	2,860	718	67	785				
August	• •	2,089	97	2,186	702	64	766				
September		1,912	87	1,999	640	67	707				
October		1,827	80	1,907	700	62	762				

In rising by 7.8 per cent. from September's record low level, the October total showed a reverse movement in comparison with the fall of 4.6 per cent. for October, 1947, but little significance can be attached to the very small changes in the figures for each of the last three months. Displacement of meatworks employees in the Townsville district more than offset reductions in unemployment during October in most other districts, of which no less than seven, or one-third of the total, had no persons drawing benefit at the end of the month.

Causes of unemployment are given on the next page for the months of October, 1947, and September and October, 1948, together with the decrease during the twelve months ended October, 1948, for each cause.

Compared with September, causes of unemployment for October showed little change in numbers, by far the greatest variation being an increase of 80 in "Seasonal Work and Weather Conditions".

Compared with figures of a year earlier (October, 1947), all causes showed decreases, the largest of which were in "Establishment Closed, Reduction of Staff" (248), "Casual Work" (246), and "Quitted because Work Too Heavy, Medically Unfit, etc. (147). These three causes together accounted for 56 per cent. of the total reduction of 1,145.

Cause of Unemployment.	October,	Sept.,	October,	Decrease Oct., 1947, to
Medical unfitness for particular	1947.	1948.	1948.	Oct., 1948.
type of work, work too heavy, etc.	49	6	3	46
Inefficiency, incompetence	70	17	21	49
Establishment closed, reduction of				
staff, permanent retrenchment	368	130	120	248
Replaced by re-instated serviceman	45	16	12	33
Shortage of materials	76	69	58	18
Seasonal work and weather conditions	273	90	170	103
Casual work	337	102	91	246
Discharged or laid-off for other				
reasons	164	111	105	59
Quitted because work too heavy,				
medically unfit, etc.	267	107	120	147
Quitted for other reasons	113	33	36	77
Not previously employed	145	26	26	119
Total	1,907	707	762	1,145

The following statement shows, for each district, (i) the number of persons drawing benefit in the month of 1946-47 with the highest number, and in the corresponding month of 1947-48 - in some districts this was not the month with the highest unemployment in 1947-48 on account of the disturbance caused to normal seasonal trends by the railway strike, (ii) the numbers in October, 1947, September, 1948, and October, 1948, and (iii) the decrease from October, 1947, to October, 1948.

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D		Unemploy	ment.	October,	September,	October,	Oct., 1947, to					
District.	Month.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1947.	1948.	1948.	Oct., 1948.					
Brisbane	Feb.	2,065	1,003	1,135	256	251	884					
Ipswich	Dec.	190	22	30	25	21	9					
Gympie	Feb.	30	136	8	7	9	1a					
Maryborough	Jan.	221	49	14	27	20	6ª					
Bundaberg	Jan.	596	57	27	17	20	7					
Toowoomba	Feb.	177	206	70	55	46	24					
Warwick	Dec.	42	32	20	-	-	20					
Roma	Dec.	24	8	6	2	-	6					
Charleville	Dec.	75	34	13	8	8	5					
Rockhampton	Jan.	1,462	482	256	113	107	149					
Emerald	Jan.	10	6	1	5	-	1					
Longreach	Dec.	117	78	14	8	10	4					
Mackay	Mar.	861	784	46	41	35	11					
Ayr	Feb.	233	356	10	13	-	10					
Townsville	Mar.	616	739	80	101	212	132 a					
Ingham	Mar.	440	208	3	2	-	3					
Innisfail	Mar.	368	311	4	9	7	3 a					
Cairns	Mar.	599	416	44	7	8	36					
Charters												
Towers	Feb.	182	179	108	2		108					
Atherton	Mar.	78	78	16	8	8	8					
Hughenden	Feb.	62	17	2	1	Broa	2					
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Except for a rise of 111 in Townsville, district figures showed little variation compared with September.

Compared with October, 1947, there were noteworthy district improvements in Brisbane, where the number was 884 (78 per cent.) lower; in Rockhampton, where there was a decrease of 149 (58 per cent.); and in Charters Towers, where there was a fall of 108 to nil. In Townsville there was a rise of 132 (165 per cent.), due chiefly to a slackening of work in food and drink factories.

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Table No. 1 - Persons Receiving Unemployment Benefit, Queensland, October, 1948.

Districts and Causes of Unemployment.

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District.	Medical unfitness for particular type of work, work too heavy, etc.	Inefficiency, incompetence.	Establishment closed, reduction of staff, permanent retrenchment.	Replaced by re-instated serviceman, relieving worker only.	Shortage of materials.	Seasonal work and weather conditions.	Casual work.	Discharged or laid-off for other reasons.	Medical unfitness, work too heavy, medical advice.	Quitted for other reasons.	Not previously employed.	Number.	Per 10,000 population.
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Moreton	1	16	47	4	13	6	28	54	69	19	15	272	5
Gympie	-	1	1	-	1	_	3	1	2	-	-	9	
Maryborough	1	-	2	1	3	1	3	3	6	1	-	20	
Bundaberg		1	4		2	3	3	1	6	pad	-	20	
S.B. Coastal	-	2	7	1	6	4	9	5	14	1	-	49	4
Toowoomba	-	-	5	2	5	2	7	10	10	3	2	46	
Warwick	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Roma Charleville	-	-	-	-	-	_	72	1	-	~	-	8	
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